Strict Secrecy Clamped on JFK Murder Probe

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21 (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison says he is clamping strict secrecy on his Kennedy assassination probe. Garrison said that arrests are "months away."

The New Orleans district attorney said he would even set up a special fund so he won't have to file public expense vouchers which give a clue as to the activities of his investigators.

Sweating under hot camera floodlights, Garrison reiterated yesterday at what he called a final news conference that there "will be arrests, charges and convictions."

Garrison contends that a conspiracy was born here which resulted in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

The official report by the Warren Commission said Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald — a former New Orleans resident — and that it found no credible evidence anyone else was involved.

In Washington, Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., said today that Garrison "has something" that Warren Commission investigators failed to uncover about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Long told newsmen that Garrison has kept him informed about the general situation of the New Orleans investigation.

"I think he has something that the Kennedy report does not have," Long said.

Long said that Garrison had arrested a person he thought to be involved in an assassination plot shortly after Kennedy was killed in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

"But when the press media came out and said there was no one connected with Oswald, Garrison let the person go," Long said.

Garrison's probe has stirred both interest and skepticism. In Washington yesterday, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., urged that the Warren Commission reopen its investigation.

In Detroit, Sol A. Dann, a former lawyer for the late Jack Ruby, telegraphed Garrison urging him to arrange for a Federal or State grand jury probe.

Dann sent a similar wire to Louisiana Atty. Gen. Jack P. F. Gremillion, with the added request that an inquiry be made into "Jim Garrison's information or evidence."

Garrison has said he has no intention now of turning over his information to State or Federal officials.

At the news conference, he said that "premature" disclosure of the investigation by New Orleans newspapers had seriously hampered the investigation. He barred reporters from the city's newspapers from the conference room.